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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted prior to examination of the above-identified application.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, please insert the following new first paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/382,278, filed with the U.S. Patent Office on August 25, 1999, now allowed.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

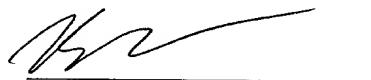
Kindly cancel claims 1-60.

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**REMARKS:**

This application is a continuation of prior application number 09/382,278, filed with the U.S. Patent Office on August 25, 1999. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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